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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code § 120 of United States application of U.S. Applications Serial Nos. 09/375,934 filed 08/17/99 and 10/049,551 filed 02/14/2002; and of PCT Application Ser. No. PCT/US00/22503 filed 08/16/2000 and, insofar as any subject matter of any claim of this application is not disclosed in these prior Applications, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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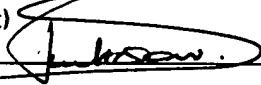
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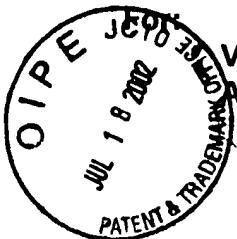
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BUSINESS SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR CONSUMER/VENDORS  
FOR: INTERFACE VIA THE INTERNET TO AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDE DISCOUNTS (herein the "application")

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) AND 1.27 (b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention identified above and described in

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